



OPERATIONS ORDER

SUBJECT: **USE OF THE IDEMIA MORPHO BIOMETRIC CHECK APPLICATION BY MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE**

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1. The Department has purchased the Idemia Morpho Biometric Check (IdemiaMBC) application for use on Department smartphones by members of the service. The IdemiaMBC application will help prevent misidentification and accurately identify defendants at the time of transport and/or arraignment.

2. The IdemiaMBC application allows members of the service to conduct a touchless fingerprint scan, that automatically produces the defendant's name, New York State Identification Number (NYSID), and photograph. The application will also alert the user if the defendant is the subject of an active warrant or **INVESTIGATION CARD (PD373-163)**.

3. Touchless scans are to be conducted only for identity confirmation purposes **and** with consent of the subject, by members trained in use of the application. Currently the IdemiaMBC application can be used by trained members of the service assigned to: Criminal Justice Bureau, Detective Bureau's Homicide, Warrants and Missing Persons squads, and Highway District's Collision Investigation Squad. Use of this technology for any other purpose, except as directed by a supervisor, is strictly prohibited.

4. Members are reminded that use of the IdemiaMBC application is solely for identity confirmation purposes as noted in this Order, and is not intended to replace current identity verification or warrant inquiry procedures, which remain in effect.

5. Commanding officers who wish for their personnel to be granted access to the IdemiaMBC application should forward a request in writing to the Deputy Commissioner, Legal Matters (through channels). Technology or troubleshooting issues should be directed to the Information Technology Bureau at [REDACTED]

MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE ASSIGNED TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUREAU WILL ALSO COMPLY WITH STEPS 6 AND 7

6. Touchless scans are to be conducted by trained Criminal Justice Bureau (CJB) personnel when a defendant is transported from a main holding cell to a "feeder" pen and/or when the prisoner is ready for arraignment. The results of the IdemiaMBC scan are compared to arraignment paperwork by CJB personnel. Use of this technology by CJB personnel for any other purpose, except as directed by a CJB supervisor, is strictly prohibited.

7. Members of the service assigned to CJB with any questions pertaining to the IdemiaMBC application should contact Criminal Justice Bureau at [REDACTED]

8. Commanding officers will ensure that the contents of this Order are brought to the attention of members of their commands.

BY DIRECTION OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER

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